

# Mobility for Refugees in King County

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ref·u·gee : /ˌrefyooˈjē/

A person with a  
well-founded fear of  
persecution  
and who has  
crossed an  
international  
border



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# persecution is based on

Race

Religion

Nationality

Membership in a  
social group

Political opinion



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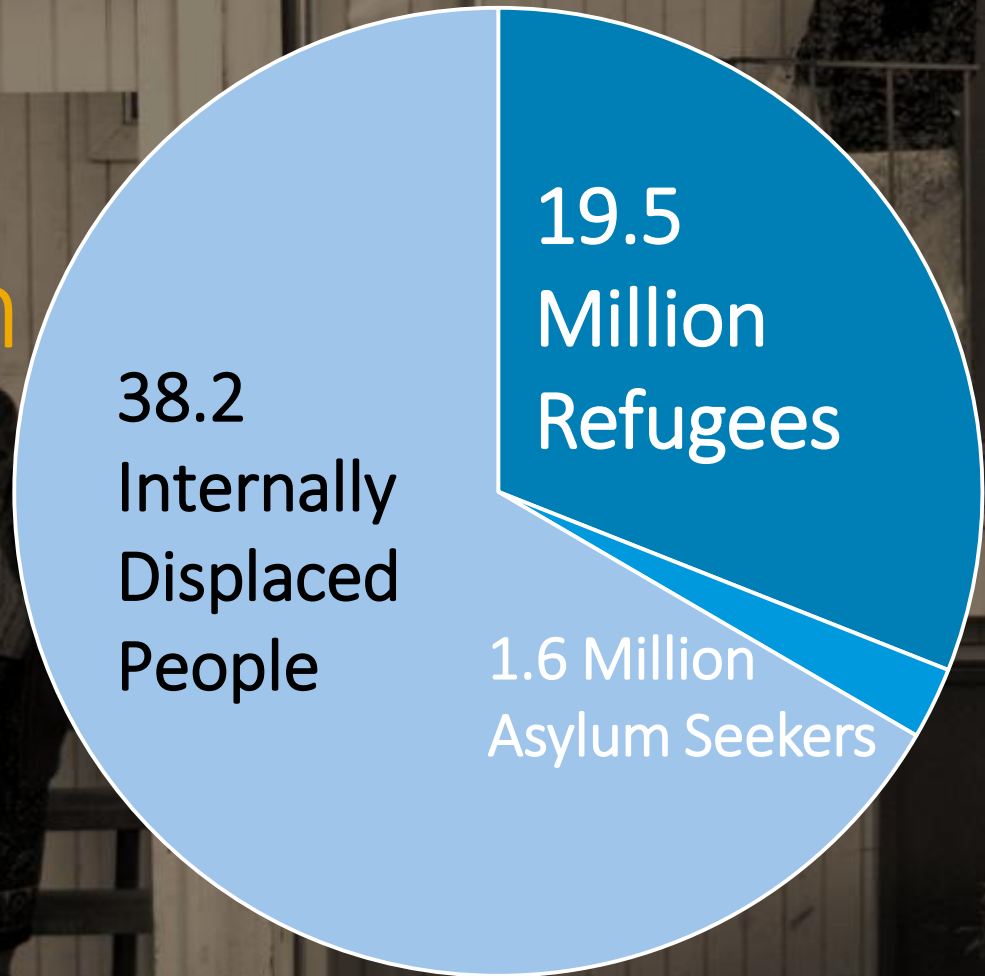
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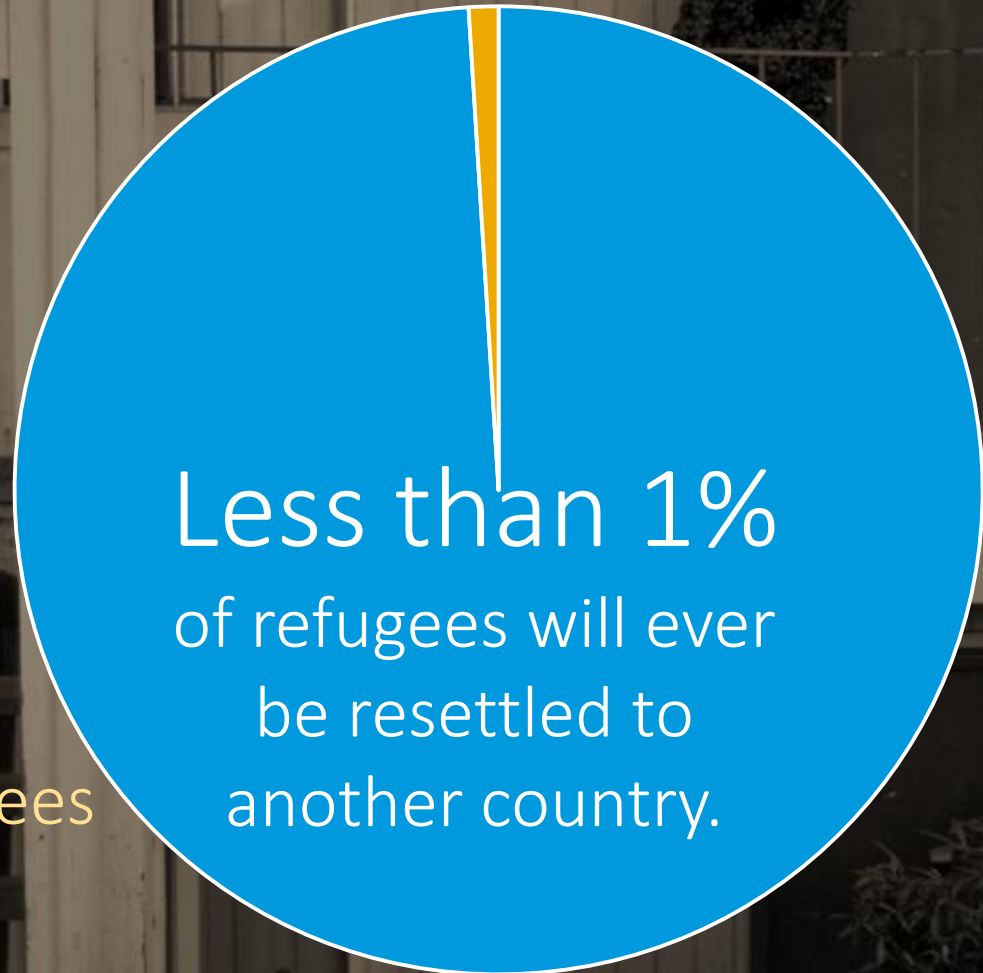
# United States Resettlement

In 2015, the US will have  
resettled **70,000** refugees  
Next year that number will  
be **85,000**.

In 2016, it will be **100,000**

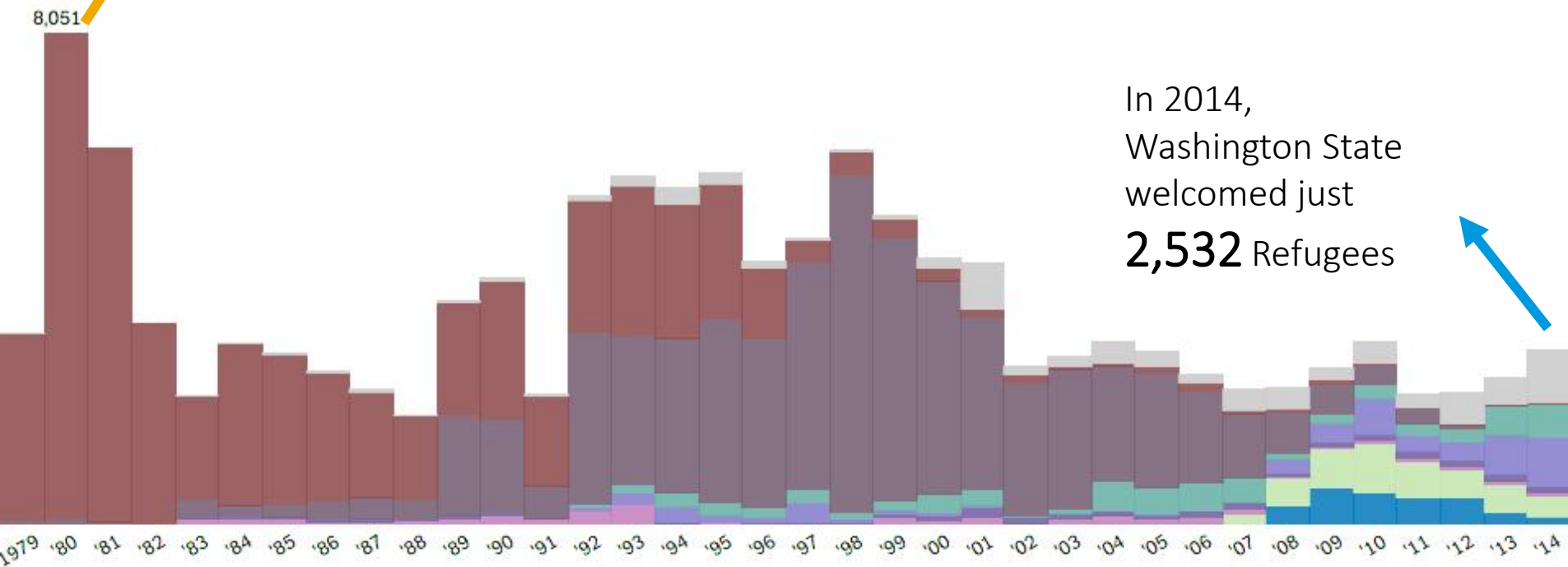
In 1980 alone, the US

Resettled **200,000** refugees



# The Number of Refugees Arriving to Washington State 1979 - 2014

In 1980  
Washington State  
welcomed **8,051**  
Refugees





# This week World Relief will welcome...

- **Tuesday:** Individual from Afghanistan
- **Wednesday:** Three families from Afghanistan, a family of 9 from Somalia, an individual from Iran
- **Thursday:** Three families from Ukraine



# Common Destinations

- Resettlement Agency
- Grocery Stores
- Health Appointments
- English Classes / College
- Job Search Activities
- Job

→ *Refugees generally must learn to ride the bus within just days of their arrival to the U.S.*



# Transportation Barriers

The background image shows a multi-story building with a light-colored facade. On the left, a person is walking down a set of stairs. On the right, a person is standing on a balcony. The building has several windows and doors, some with numbers like '208' and '108' visible. The overall tone is somewhat muted and grainy.

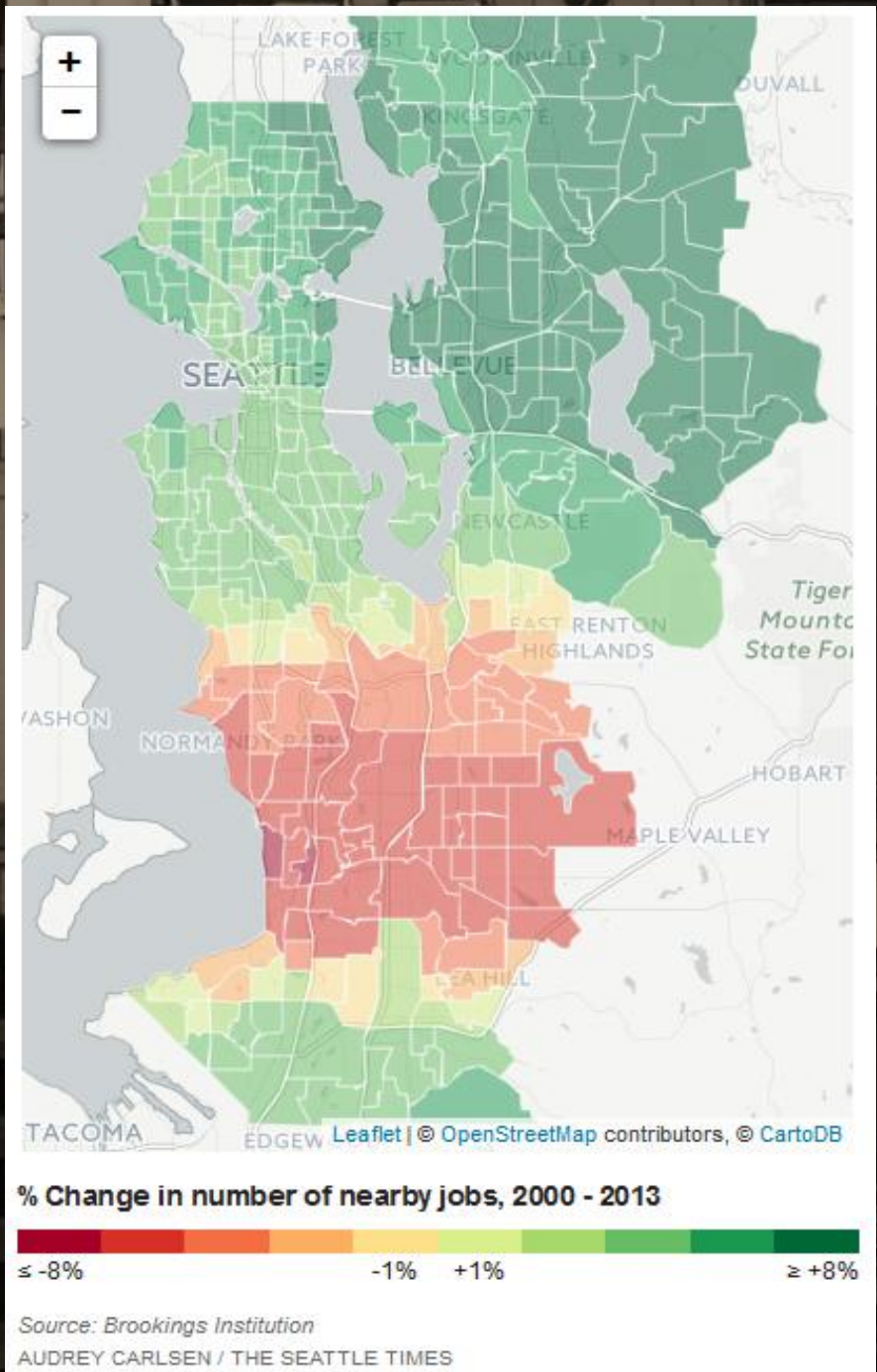
- Language
- Financial
- Commute Distance / Challenges
  - *"I can't apply for this job because I don't have a car."*
  - *"After I have a car, I can apply for jobs."*



## S. King County has fewer nearby jobs

“Even as the number of people living in South King County has swelled, the average number of jobs within a typical commute distance for people living there has declined about 2 percent from 2000 to 2013, according to recent findings from the Brookings Institution. Many of South King County’s census tracts had even more severe declines of about 6 to 8 percent.”

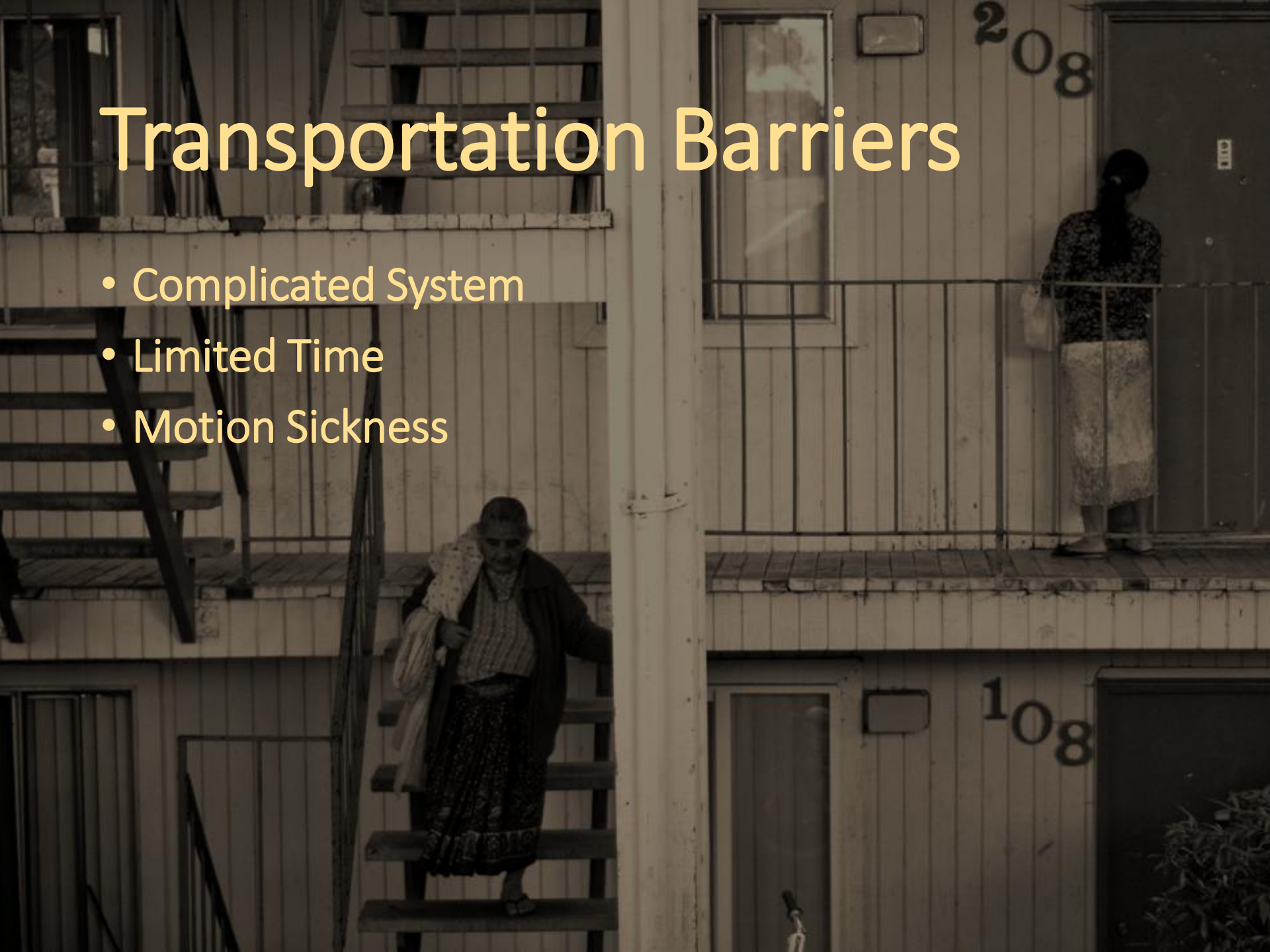
-Janet I. Tu, The Seattle Times





# Transportation Barriers

- Complicated System
- Limited Time
- Motion Sickness



# Available Resources

- ORCA LIFT
- Smart Phones
- Trainings





# Available Resources

- Hopelink





# What's next?

- Other programs / support available?
- What can the Coalition do?
- What can CBOs and resettlement agencies do?

